

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A content distribution server comprising:
 - a playback control information generation section that generates playback control information describing a playback mode restriction for a section of content;
 - a license information generation section that generates license information containing a content key for encrypting the content and generating encrypted content and a usage condition describing an indication that only playback based on the playback control information is permitted for the encrypted content;
 - a content encryption section that generates the encrypted content in which the content has been encrypted with the content key; and
 - a communication section that transmits the playback control information, the license information, and the encrypted content.
2. (Original) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein the playback control information comprises:
 - a description that specifies the section of content; and
 - a description that restricts at least one playback method among stop, pause, rewind, forward, skip, jump, and record, for the section of content.

3. (Original) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein the playback control information comprises:
- a description that specifies the section of content; and
 - a description that restricts at least one of time skipping spanning the section of content and jumping to a specified time.
4. (Original) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein the playback control information comprises:
- a description that sets a playback order of a plurality of sections of content; and
 - a description that restricts playback of the sections of content in an order other than the set playback order.
5. (Original) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein the playback control information comprises:
- a description that specifies the section of content;
 - a description that indicates a time subject to restrictions for the section of content; and
 - a description that restricts playback of the section of content in case of the time.
6. (Original) The content distribution server according to claim 5, wherein a description related to an acquisition location of current time is described in the playback control information.

7. (Original) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein the playback control information comprises:

a description that specifies the section of content;

a description that indicates an environmental status subject to restrictions for the section of content; and

a description that restricts playback of the section of content in case of the environmental status.

8. (Original) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein the playback control information comprises:

a description that specifies the section of content;

a description that indicates information related to a terminal subject to restrictions for the section of content; and

a description that restricts playback of the section of content for the terminal subject to restrictions.

9. (Original) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein the playback control information comprises:

a description that specifies the section of content;

a description that indicates information related to a user subject to restrictions for the section of content; and

a description that restricts playback of the section of content for the user subject to restrictions.

10. (Currently Amended) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein the playback control information is described by ~~means of a~~ hierarchical structural description using XML.

11. (Currently Amended) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein:

issuer identification information that identifies an issuer is attached to the playback control information and a usage condition of the license information; and
the playback control information and the usage condition are associated by ~~means of~~ the issuer identification number.

12. (Currently Amended) The content distribution server according to claim 1, wherein:

issuer identification information that identifies an issuer and an identification number corresponding to the issuer identification information are attached to the playback control information and a usage condition of the license information; and
the playback control information and the usage condition are associated by ~~means of~~ the issuer identification number and the identification number.

13. (Original) A content playback control terminal comprising:

a content decoding section that decodes encrypted content; and

a playback control information processing section that obtains playback control information describing a playback mode restriction for the section of content, and gives said content decoding section a decoding instruction based on the playback control information.

14. (Currently Amended) The content playback control terminal according to claim 13, wherein said content decoding section obtains license information containing a content key for generating the encrypted content and a usage condition describing an indication that only playback based on the playback control information is permitted for the encrypted content, and decodes and plays back the section of content by means of the encryption key based on the playback control information.

15. (Original) The content playback control terminal according to claim 13, further comprising an operating section that receives a content operation request;

wherein said operating section does not accept an operation restricted by the playback control information.

16. (Original) The content playback control terminal according to claim 13, wherein said content decoding section does not accept an operation restricted by the playback control information from said operating section.

17. (Original) The content playback control terminal according to claim 13, wherein said operating section indicates operations distinctively between an operation related to a restricted playback mode in the section of content and an operation related to an unrestricted playback mode in the section of content.

18. (Original) The content playback control terminal according to claim 13, wherein, when the section of content is being executed in a restricted playback mode, said playback control information processing section changes to an unrestricted playback mode.

19. (Original) The content playback control terminal according to claim 13, wherein said content decoding section and said playback control information processing section are tamper-proof security modules.

20. (Currently Amended) A content distribution method comprising ~~the steps of~~:
generating playback control information describing a playback mode restriction for a section of content;
generating license information containing a content key for encrypting the content and generating encrypted content and a usage condition describing an indication that only playback based on the playback control information is permitted for the encrypted content;
generating the encrypted content in which the content has been encrypted with the content key; and

transmitting the playback control information, the license information, and the encrypted content.

21. (Currently Amended) A content playback control method comprising the steps of:

obtaining playback control information describing a playback mode restriction for a section of encrypted content; and

decoding the section in case of a playback mode not restricted by the playback control information.

22. (Currently Amended) A program that causes a computer to execute the steps of:

generating playback control information describing a playback mode restriction for a section of content;

generating license information containing a content key for encrypting the content and generating encrypted content and a usage condition indicating that only playback based on the playback control information is permitted for the encrypted content;

generating the encrypted content in which the content has been encrypted with the content key; and

transmitting the playback control information, the license information, and the encrypted content.

23. (Currently Amended) A program that causes a computer to execute the steps of:

obtaining playback control information describing a playback mode restriction for a section of encrypted content; and

decoding the section in case of a playback mode not restricted by the playback control information.

24. (Original) A storage medium that records the program according to claim 22.
25. (Original) A storage medium that records the program according to claim 23.